7: Joest--62 [6] E-5 (no date) 1882 Formosan Aborigines
116, 437, 562, 791, 888 Chin-hoan

There are no priests among the Chinwans, but some women hold the office of sooth-sayer. Old women seem to have a great deal of influence. I often saw them giving orders even to experienced warriors or swearing at them if they did not demand enough red flannel as payment for an object. During my entire stay with the Chinwans, however, they never stole anything from me, although I had to pay a high price for everything I bought from them.

18: Kakyo--70 [3] E-2 (no date) 1899 Formosan Aborigines
116, 888, 858

Age is respected and the young are loved, particularly among the Amis tribe, where disrespect towards the old is looked on as a crime.

22: Wiedfeldt--36 F-5 (1913) 1914 Formosan Aborigines
888 Atayal

If elderly parents have no more unmarried children to help out in their household, they buy young people as laborers. If they have no means, the clan helps to make up the price.

24: Anonymous--92 [4] U-3 (no date) 1892 Formosan Aborigines
116, 888

Among the members of one tribe it is the custom to hang the father from a tree when he has become very old, and the other members of the tribe may do anything they want with him. They kill him and carry him away and hang up a pig in his place.

34: Del Re--16-19 U-4 (no date) No Date Formosan Aborigines
116, 554, 561, 888 Yami

"The respect paid to and the great prestige enjoyed by senior members of the community is not based merely [pages 17 and 18 contain illustrations] [19] on seniority but on the personal qualities and skills of the individual as evidenced by his actions. Thus when, for whatever reason, they are considered to have outgrown their usefulness to the tribe, they automatically lose their position."